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1. "PESSIMISTIC" SFRC STAFF REPORT SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF SVN ACHIEVING EITHER PEACE OR PROSPERITY FOR MANY YEARS, PREDICTS CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTINGSINCE BOTH SIDES IMPROVE COMBAT CAPABILITIES AND FREELY UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOLATE C-F.FORESEES NO POSSIBILITY OF SVN ECONOMY NEARING SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY 1980 SINCE PROJECTION BASED ON UNREALISTIC ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT AID FROM OTHER SOURCES; CLAIMS SOME US-BACKED ECON POLICIES

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HINDER DEVELOPMENT SINCE WE "FILL" FISCAL AND TRADE DEFICITS AND PERMIT GVN TO GET XYTTHOUT ECON RESTRUCTURING AND COHERENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN; SAYS COUNTRY HAS GREAT ECON POTENTIAL BUT KEEPS ONE MILLION UNDER ARMS AND GENERALS REFUSE TO GIVE AUTHORITY AND RESOURCES TO CIVILIANS. AUTHORS MOOSE AND MEISSNER DON'T FORESEE MAJOR NVA OFFENSIVE THIS YEAR OR NEXT UNLESS GVN SHOWS SIGNS OF DETERIORATING FOR ECON OR OTHER REASONS. REPORT COMPLAINS THAT US ECON AID EMPHASIS OF "RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT" THIS FY IS MOSTLY COSMETIC CHANGE SINCE FUNDS AS USUAL WILL GO FOR IMPORT FINANCING AND REGULAR BUDGET ITEMS RATHER THAT PROJECTS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY (WSJ).

STERN (WP) STATES THAT STUDY CHARGES AMEMBASSY SAIGON WITH "DOCTORING" REPORTS TO WASHINGTON ON WANING SECURITY AND C-F VIOLATIONS, CITES "SUBSTANTIAL DELETIONS" IN INFO FROM CONSULS GENERAL IN MIL REGIONS. MOOSE AND MEISSNER TELL SFRC ON BASIS OF INVESTIGATION THAT LONG-STANDING TENDENCY OF EMBASSY TO IDENTIFY WITH GVN POLICIES IS STILL APPARENT. STATE THAT REPORTING PATTERN WAS TO MINIMIZE GVN C-F VIOLATIONS AND PLAY UP ITS MIL SUCCESSES, AND DOWNPLAY FIELD REPORTS OF WEAKENING CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND LOCAL "ACCOMODATIONS" BETWEEN GOVT AND COMMUNIST UNITS. REPORT CITES SPECIFIC CASES, CONCLUDES THAT LITTLE HOPE FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT EXISTS AND ASSERTS THAT ONLY HOPE FOR IMPLEMENTING C-F WAS AGREEMENT AMONG US, USSR AND CHINA TO REDUCE MIL ASSISTANCE TO BOTH SIDES. DISCLOSES COMMUNIST AA BUILDUP REDUCES VNAF TACAIR EFFECTIVENESS, AND CITES INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE THAT USSR AND PRC MIL AND ECON AID TO NVN IN 1973 AMOUNTED TO 715 MILLION WHILE SIMILAR US AID TO SVN FOLLOWING YEAR WAS 1.65 BILLION.

NYT'S GWERTZMAN QUOTES REPORT CRITICISM THAT EMBASSY
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REPORTS ADHERE TOO CLOSELY TO GVN OFFICIAL LINE AND THAT OVER THE YEARS HAVE ACQUIRED REPUTATION WITH BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS FOR CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH SVN POLICIES. REPORT, BASED ON MAY 12 - JUNE 4 VISIT BY STAFFDEL, SEES PRESENT MIL CONFRONTATION CONTINUING WITH SVN UNABLE TO EXPEL NVN FORCES AND COMMUNISTS UNABLE TO ACQUIRE "DECISIVE EDGE" TO DEFEAT GVN MILITARILY. STUDY DOUBTS AMB. MARTIN'S PREDICTION THAT 750 MILLION DOLS IN ECON AID THIS FY WOULD PERMIT SVN ECONOMY "TAKEOFF." GWERTZMAN BELIEVES SECTION ON AID IS SURE TO BECOME CONTROVERSIAL BECAUSE SFRC BEGAN "MARKING UP" FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZATION BILL TODAY AND HFAC DOING SAME.

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SAYS "MANY VOICES" IN CAPITOL PREDICT 750 MILLION
FIGURE UNREALISTIC AND THAT 500-MILLION RANGE IS ALL
ADMIN CAN HOPE FOR. REVIEWS MARTIN'S RECENT EFFORTS
IN WASHINGTON ON ECON AID.

GWERTZMAN SAYS STUDY COMPARES REPORTS FROM FIELD TO
EMBASSY WITH THOSE FROM EMBASSY TO WASHINGTON AND FINDS
THAT "ONE CONSISTENT PATTERN EMERGES" -- TENDENCY TO
PLAY DOWN OR IGNORE GVN C-F VIOLATIONS. STAFF MEMBERS
REPORT THAT BOTH IN STAFFDEL BRIEFING AND IN REPORTS,

EMBASSY FOLLOWS GVN LINE IN JUSTIFYING MEASURES WHICH
PRECIPITATED TEMPORARY BREAKDOWN OF SVN-VC TALKS IN
PARIS AND SAIGON; CITE FALL OF TONG LE CHAN BEFORE
"MASSIVE" NVN FORCES AS EXAMPLE; WITHIN FEW DAYS
WIDELY KNOWN IN SAIGON AND REPORTED IN US PRESS THAT
GVN HAD WITHDRAWN WITH NO LOSSES. COMMUNISTS SAID
THAT NO BATTLE WAS FOUGHT; EMBASSY REPORTED "BOMBARDMENT
AND FALL" TO WASHINGTON. STUDY QUOTES DIPLOMATS IN
SAIGON THAT TONG LE CHAN INCIDENT AND OTHERS WERE
PART OF DELIBERATE GVN EFFORT, "ASSISTED BY THE UNITED
STATES EMBASSY," TO IMPRESS CONGRESS ON NECESSITY TO
AUTHORIZE MORE SVN MIL AID. REPORT ALSO SAYS BETWEEN
OCTOBER 1972, AND JANUARY 1973, US SUPPLIED 753.3
MILLION IN EQUIPMENT, MOST OF WHICH WAS NOT WELL
UTILIZED, AND QUOTES "KNOWLEDGABLE OFFICIAL" THAT IT
IS "SITTING AROUND RUSTING."

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HEAVY FIGHTING TAKES PLACE SOUTH OF DA NANG WITH
MAIN ACTIVITY NEAR DUC DUC (CSM). MIL SOURCES SAY
SVN FORCES RECAPTURE OUTPOSTS TWO-TO-THREE MILES
SE OF DUC DUC (AP NYDN, NYPOST 8/5)- COUNTERATTACKING
ARVN GAINS GROUND NEAR DUC DUC BUT THREAT FROM VC
AND NVA NOT LESSENED (WP; CHITRIB; UPI, NYT).
REFUGEES FLOOD INTO DA NANG; ARVN BACKED BY HEAVY
AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES (UPI, PHINQ).

3. IN RESPONSE TO GVN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER
OVERRUNNING OF DUC DUC OR THUONG DUC AS "ABOLITION"
OF C-F, VC SPOKESMAN IN SAIGON SAYS COMMUNIST FORCES
WILL "PUNISH SAIGON ARMY...WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE THREATENED"
(UPI, PHINQ). THIEU SAYS FIGHTING ALONG NORTHERN
COAST IS BEGINNING OF GENERAL OFFENSIVE, COMPARES
IT TO TET 1968, DECLARES "THEY THINK THE ALLIES CAN
NO LONGER HELP US" (AP, NYPOST 8/5; WP).

4. MCCOMBS (WP) AT DA NANG RECALLS RECENT TRIP TO VC
IN AREA WHERE FIGHTING NOW RAGES, QUOTES OBSERVERS
THAT FIGHTING IS LARGEST-SCALE NEAR DA NANG AND
FIRST TIME THERE THAT NVA UNITS COMMITTED SINCE C-F.

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SINCE THESE ARE BEST COMMUNIST UNITS, BELIEVES THEY
ARE SERIOUS ABOUT INTENTIONS. BUT THERE ARE MANY
THEORIES ABOUT REASONS: THEY WANT TO ATTACK DA NANG,
OR CUT HIGHWAY 1, OR ARE PRACTICING FOR GENERAL
OFFENSIVE. MCCOMBS SAYS THESE MAY BE TRUE, BUT SEES
TWO MORE IMPORTANT REASONS: TO GRAB PEOPLE TO LIVE
IN SPARSELY-POPULATED VC AREAS, AND RETALIATION FOR
GVN C-F VIOLATIONS AS STATED BY VC. DESCRIBES
HAVOC WROUGHT BY WAR, IN CONTRAST TO FORMER VC CLAIM THAT
OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET LIFE FOR PEOPLE IN AREA BACK TO

NORMAL. REFUGEES DESCRIBE "PEOPLE-GRABBING" BY VC
WHEN VILLAGES TAKEN; CHECKPOINTS ARE SET UP TO KEEP
INHABITANTS FROM FLEEING AND TRUCKS HAUL THEM TO
"LIBERATED AREA." REFUGEES MADE IT CLEAR TO MCCOMBS
THAT THEY WERE MORE AFRAID OF BEING TAKEN AWAY BY
VC THAN OF FIGHTING. VC NEED PEOPLE, EARLIER SAID
THAT MANY DIDN'T ENTER THEIR ZONE BECAUSE PREVENTED
BY GVN.
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ARTICLE DISCUSSES VC CLAIMS OF RECENT GVN C-F VIOLATIONS
IN AREACITES CONFIRMATION BY "WELL INFORMED,
NON-COMMUNIST SOURCE" THAT GVN SET UP OUTPOSTS
AFTER C-F.

5. FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK FIGHTS REBELS WHO
TRY TO BLOCK ROUTE 1 ABOUT 23 MILES SE OF PP;
MINE KILLS 17 GKR SOLDIERS 47 MILES SW OF CAPITAL,
AND THEN AMBULANCE DRIVER RUSHING TO SCENE KILLED
BY ANOTHER MINE (AP, NYDN).

KOREA

6. TUFTS U PROF GREGORY HENDERSON TELLS HFA
FRASER/NIX SUBCOMMITTEES THAT TO CANCEL US MIL
AID TO SK "WOULD NOT DANGEROUSLY WEAKEN" ITS GOVT.
CONTENDS SK IS ALREADY "MOST HEAVILY ARMED 85,000-
SQUARE-MILES IN THE WORLD" AND "IT IS APPALLING" THAT
US POLICY "REMAINS A JEJUNE REINVOCATION OF COLD WAR
REACTIONS WITHOUT FRESH NEW CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING."
IN TESTIMONY MONDAY, REPS. MEEDS AND UDALL JOINED
FRASER IN CALLING FOR ALTERNATIVE TO ADMIN POSITION
OF CONTINUING MIL AID TO ROKG (WP'S ROTMAN).

7. IN SEOUL, 10 TOP PROTESTANT LEADERS WRITE PARK
PLEADING THAT HE "RESTORE DEMOCRATIC ORDER" AND RELEASE
STUDENTS AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS FROM JAIL (ROTMAN).

CHINA

8. HEARST'S WALLACH REPORTS USDA DISCLOSURE THAT

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US TRADE WITH PRC FOR FIRST TIME HAS SURPASSED US
TRADE WITH SOVIET -- TOTALING 570.9 MILLION DOLS IN
FIRST HALF 974 COMPARED TO 504.2 MILLION DOLS TOTAL
TRADE WITH SOVIET FOR SAME PERIOD. SAYS IF TREND
CONTINUES, AS USDA OFFICIALS PREDICT, CHINA TRADE
MAY TOP 1.2 BILLION DOLS IN 1974 OR OVER 12 TIMES
92 MILLION DOLS TOTAL IN 1972 -- YEAR OF NIXON CHINA
VISIT. OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTED INCREASE IN CHINA TRADE
TO DELIVERY OF FIVE MORE BOEING JETS AND FIRST-TIME-
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EVER SALE TO PRC OF MINING MACHINERY AND GIANT FERTILIZER
PLANTS. THEY DISCLOSED THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
ON CONTROVERSIAL CHINESE BID TO BUY LARGE US HELICOPTERS
FOR POSSIBLE PATROL USE ALONG SOVIET BORDER, BUT THEY
REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER DEAL IS CLOSE TO COMPLETION.

WALLACH SAYS WHEN USDA POLICYMAKER WAS ASKED ABOUT
POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF US-PRC TRADE SURPASSING
US TRADE WITH SOVIET, HE SAID: "KISSINGER POLICY IS
TO TREAT THEM WITH EVEN-HANDEDNESS. THAT DOESN'T MEAN
GIVING THEM EVERYTHING THE RUSSIANS GET OR VICE
VERSA" (BOST H-A, 8/2).

9. NYT CARRIES FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON REPORT THAT
PEKING STILL HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT ITS LONG-TERM POLICY
WILL BE ON FOREIGN CREDITS AND BORROWED FINANCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FROM WEST.

10. REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS DRAFTS OF NEW CONSTITUTION
ARE CIRCULATING WITHIN CHINA, ACCORDING RELIABLE
SOURCES; AND OBSERVERS TAKE THIS AS FRESH SIGN THAT
ACTIVE PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR NPC MEETING
(CHITRIB, NYT, NYPOST 8/5).

11. PRC ANNOUNCES DEATH OF HSIEH FU-MIN, NPC MEMBER
AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS NATIONALITIES COMMITTEE (REUTER,
NYT).

12. CSM'S HAYWARD, IN NEW DELHI, REPORTS THAT PRC-
INDIA RELATIONS REMAIN AT "CHILLY STANDSTILL," AND
ARE UNLIKELY TO IMPROVE SO LONG AS INDIA RETAINS
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SOVIET. FINDS LARGE PRC EMBASSY
ESTABLISHMENT IN NEW DELHI THINLY POPULATED, WHEREAS
SOVIET OFFICIALS AND COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS ARE MUCH
IN EVIDENCE IN MANY PARTS OF COUNTRY. SAYS SOVIET
PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY DO NOT HESITATE TO CRITICIZE
CHINA, BUT CHINESE MAKE NO EFFORT TO COUNTERACT THIS.
ADDS THAT SOVIET PRESENCE TENDS TO REDUCE INDIAN
FEAR OF ANOTHER PRC MILITARY THREAT; BUT EDUCATED
INDIANS FEEL THEY HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM CHINA.
PEKING HAS MADE NO SECRET OF ITS DISDAIN FOR NEW

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CONSTITUTION IT CLAIMS INDIA IMPOSED IN SIKKIM, CHARGING
INDIA CONCOCTED IT AS PRETEXT TO ANNEX SIKKIM. HAYWARD
SEES SUCH COMMENTS UNDERSCORING PEKING'S PRESENT
UNWILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO MRS. GANDHI'S OLIVE BRANCH.

JAPAN

13. AP TOKYO (WP; NYP AUG. 5) REPORTS OBSERVANCE

OF 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATOM BOMBDROPONHIROSHIMA
(ALSO AP HIROSHIMA, SUN). REUTER HIROSHIMAREPORTS
HIROSHIMA MAYOR YAMADA SAYING OVER LIVETVTHROUGHOUT
JAPAN THAT HE PLANS TO ASK UN CONVENE EMERGENCYCONFERENCE
TO DRAW UP TREATY FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEARWEAPONS;
HE CALLED ON US, USSR, CHINA, FRANCE, UK AND INDIA
TO HALT ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS AT ONCE. ADDED THAT HE
WILL ASK GOJ IMMEDIATELY TO RATIFY NUCLEAR TEST BAN
TREATY. REUTER REPORTS THAT ANOTHER 600NAMES WERE
ADDED TO LIST OF ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS IN CITY'SPEACE
MEMORIAL PARK, BRINGING TOTAL NUMBER RECORDEDTO
80,763. CITY OFFICIALS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT REAL
DEATH TOLL WAS ABOUT 200,000.

14. REUTER TOKYO (CSM; NYP AUG 5) REPORT USSRINFORMING
TOKYO IT'S HOLDING JAPANESE FISHING BOAT WITH 13-MAN
CREW REPORTED MISSING IN JAPAN SEA FOURD YSAGO -- 18TH
JAPANESE FISHING CRAFT CAPTURED BY SOVIET PATROL BOAT OFF
NORTHERN JAPAN THIS YEAR. COAST GUARDSPOKESMAN SAYS 71
MEN AND AT LEAST 10 VESSELS STILL BEING HELD BY SOVIET.

15. WP'S MARDER, NYT'S BINDER,SUN'S MILLS, AND JOC'S
SKARTVEDT REPORT EB ASST. SECY ENDERS TELLINGNEWSMEN
THAT 12 MAJOR OIL CONSUMING NATIONS(INCLUDING JAPAN)
HAVE REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT TO SHARE OIL FROM ALL
SOURCES IF THERE IS NEW THREAT TO SUPPLIES.

16. NYT'S CHAPIN CITES GOJ-COMMISSIONEDREPORT BY BOSTON
CONSULTING GROUP THAT CLIMATE FOR JAPANESE INVESTMENT
IN US IS "STABLE AND BENIGH"; FORECASTS THAT LEVELOF
DIRECT JAPANESE INVESTMENT WILL REACH6-7 BILLION DOLLARS
BY 1980. REPORT SAYS JAPAN IS ENTERING FUNDAMENTALLY NEW

PERIOD OF ECON DEVELOPMENT "IN WHICH THE JAPANESE HOMELAND
WILL BE LESS EXCLUSIVELY A PRODUCTION CENTER AND WILL
BEGIN TO FUNCTION AS THE HEADQUARTERSOFAGLOBAL ECONOMIC
SYSTEM...FOREIGN INVESTMENT WILL BETHE PRINCIPAL VEHICLE
FOR THIS TRANSITION," AND WILL REFLECT,AMONGOTHER THINGS,

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"NEED TO SHIFT A PART OF PRODUCTION OFFSHORE INRESPONSE
TO GROWING DOMESTIC SHORTAGES, A GROWING TRADESURPLUS
AND PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES IN PRINCIPAL OVERSEAS MARKETS."

17. AP DAMASCUS (WSJ) REPORTS ARAB BOYCOTT HQS ANNOUNCING
BLACKLISTING OF SONY FOR DEALING WITH ISRAEL.

18. MITI REPORTED AUG. 3 THAT EXPORT CONTRACTS
CERTIFIED BY GOJ DURING JULY HITTING ALL-TIME MONTHLY
HIGH OF 5.669 BILLION DOLLARS, REPRESENTING INCREASE
OF 60.8 PERCENT OVER SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. PREVIOUS
MONTHLY RECORD WAS 5.194 BILLION RECORDED IN JUNE
THIS YEAR (UPI, PHINQ).
19. NISSAN ANNOUNCES IT WILL REDUCE DATSUN EXPORT
SHIPMENTS TO US ABOUT THIRD THIS OCT. (REUTER, CHITRIB).

20. MAGNAVOX FILES SUIT ASKING TREASURY DEPT. TO
IMPOSE ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON JAPANESE TV SETS IMPORTED
INTO US BECAUSE JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS ARE BEING
SUBSIDIZED WITH "BOUNTIES OF GRANTS" BY GOJ (WSJ;
REUTER, CHITRIB).

THAILAND

21. CSM'S PEAGAM IN YALA REPORTS INCREASING ARMED
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THAI POLICE AND SMALL GROUPS
OF FUGITIVES IN S. THAILAND. IN PAST FEW WEEKS
POLICE POSTS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED AND HEAVILY GUARDED
ARMY CAMPS INSTALLED IN SOME REMOTE AREAS. GOV.
OF YALA PROVINCE SAYS IN PAST MONTH 10
POLICE AND SIMILAR NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS KILLED.
YALA AREA, RICH AND FERTILE, IS DOUBLY STRATEGIC
BECAUSE OF SEARCH FOR OFF-SHORE OIL; HAS HISTORY
OF MUSLIM SEPARATISM AND BANDITRY. NOTES THAT THAI
AUTHORITIES ARE DIVIDED ON BEST WAY TO TACKLE PROBLEM.
CIVILIAN OFFICIALS SEEM AWARE OF NEED FOR SOCIAL
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AND ECON IMPROVEMENTS, BUT POLICE AND MIL APPEAR
TO THINK ONLY IN TERMS OF SUPPRESSION CAMPAIGNS.
RTA MAJGEN SANT CHITPATIMA, SOUTHERNER HIMSELF,
RECENTLY GIVEN ABSOLUTE POWER IN SOUTH WITH AIM
OF RESTORING ORDER THERE, AND SAYS HE PREFERS NOT
TO USE FORCE. HOWEVER, LARGE-SCALE SHOW OF PARAMIL
STRENGTH IS UNDER WAY IN MOST SENSITIVE AREAS (INCLUDING
PROVINCES OF YALA, NERATHIWAT, AND PATTANI), AND
REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THIS WILL CALM SITUATION
OR INFLAME MUSLIM RESENTMENT EVEN MORE, AS SOME
EXPERTS EXPECT.

22. COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE (JOC) REPORTS THAILAND
HAS SIGNED ANOTHER AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY JAPAN WITH

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1.2 MILLION TONS OF CORN IN 1974-75, ACCORDING USDA, WHICH THINKS THAILAND CAN MAKE FULL DELIVERY. USDA EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THAILAND HAS BEEN UNABLE IN PAST TO MEET ALL SALES AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN, CURRENT THAI CORN PRODUCTION FORECASTS SUGGEST COUNTRY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEET ITS JAPANESE COMMITMENT THIS YEAR.

PHILIPPINES

23. UPI (PHINQ, CHITRIB) REPORTS FIGHTING BETWEEN GOP TROOPS AND MOSLEM REBELS SPREADING TO DARONG,

ABOUT 7 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DAVAO, ACCORDING TRAVELERS FROM AREA MONDAY.

24. AP MANILA REPORTS BROOKLYN-BORN JESUIT PRIEST, REV. WILLIAM MASTERSON, WINNING 1974 MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. MASTERSON RAISED MORE THAN 4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR POSTWAR REHABILITATION IN PHILS (AP, NYPOST 8/5).

25. AP MANILA (PHINQ) REPORTS PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MRS. MARCOS WAS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL MONDAY FOR TREATMENT OF "SUSPECTED UPPER RESPIRATORY VIRAL INFECTION."

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26. REUTER BRISBANE REPORTS CHARLES PERKINS, AUSTRALIA'S MOST SENIOR ABORIGINES PUBLIC SERVANT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEPT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, MAKING ACCUSATION ON TV LAST NIGHT OF ACTS OF BRUTALITY AGAINST ABORIGINAL TRIBESMEN ON PART OF AMERICAN CATTLEMEN IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA. PERKINS CHARGES: "AT TWO LARGE CATTLE STATIONS (RANCHES) IN THE KIMBERLEYS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA OWNED BY AN AMERICAN COMPANY, A BULLDOZER WAS USED TO DESTROY SHANTIES ABORIGINALS WERE LIVING IN AND ABORIGINES HAVE BEEN SHOT AT ON CATTLE STATIONS OWNED BY AMERICANS IN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF ARNHEMLAND." PERKINS SAYS ACTS OF VIOLENCE NOT ONLY PERPETRATED BY AMERICANS; BUT THEY "ARE THE WORST."

27. AP SYDNEY (CHITRIB AUG 5) REPORTS AUSSIE PARLIAMENT WILL HOLD FIRST JOINT SESSION AUG 6. NOTES WHITLAM CALLED SENATE AND HOUSE INTO JOINT SESSION AFTER SENATE REJECTED SEVERAL KEY PIECES OF GOVT'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. HISTORIC EVENT TO BE TELEVISED (AFP, PHINQ; NYPOST 8/5).

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28. AP MOSCOW (NYT) REPORTS AUSSIE EMBASSY SAYING GOA HAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED SOVIET SOVEREIGNTY OVER LATVIA, LITHUANIA AND ESTONIA.

29. COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE (JOC) REPORTS USDA PUBLICATION SHOWING THAT USSR IS ON WAY TO BECOMING NZ'S BEST MUTTON CUSTOMER. JAPAN, PREVIOUSLY NZ'S BEST MUTTON BUYER, HAS SEVERELY RESTRICTED ITS MUTTON PURCHASES, BUT THOSE BUYS STILL EXPECTED TO HELP RELIEVE PRESSURES ON NZ STOCKS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

KOREA

30. BOSTON H-A (AUG 1) OBSERVESTHAT ROKG POLICIES HAVE COME INCREASINGLY UNDER QUESTIONHERE AS UNCLASSIFIED

RESULT OF POLITICAL EXCESSES USEDTOSILENCE DEMOCRATIC VOICES AMONG STUDENT GROUPS, POLITICAL OPPONENTS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS.NOTES THAT EXCESSES HAVE BEEN SO VIOLENT, SERIOUS QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN CONGRESS. HAK RELUCTANTLY TOLDCONGRESS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WHILE ADMINOPPOSESDISCONTINUING AID TO SK, IT "CANNOT APPROVE"REPRESSION THERE. EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT HAK REMARKISDEPARTURE FROM DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE USUALLYEMPLOYED TO DISCUSS AN ALLY, ADDING, "IT COULD BECOME NECESSARY TO USE EVEN MORE BLUNT TERMS IF RELATIONSCONTINUE TO BE STRAINED BY THE EXCESSES OF POLICE RULE."

CHINA

31. FROM HK, LAT'S ELEGANT (AUG4)NOTES THAT WHILE IT IS AMONG MAO'S GOALS TO CREATE NEARLY PERFECT EQUALITY AMONG ALL CHINESE, CHINESE STILLLAY EMPHASIS ON GRADES AND PRIVILEGEAMONGFOREIGN VISITORS, AND ARE EVEN MORE KEENLY AWAREOF DISTINCTION AMONG THEMSELVES. CITES UNOFFICIAL SURVEY BY WEEKLY CHINA NEWS ANALYSIS AS REVEALING AN INTRICATELY CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE OF RANKS, WAGES, AND PERQUISITES FOR CCP MEMBERS, GOVT. BUREAUCRATS, ETC.

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32. NYPOST (AUG 5) NOTESREPORTOF HFAC INVESTIGATORS -- "CONFIRMED" EARLIER BY NEWS CORRESPONDENTSON SCENE -- THAT AMB. DEAN HAS BEEN "ROUTINELYAND AGGRESSIVELY ADVISING" GKR ON HOW TO ORGANIZE, RUN AND DEPLOY

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WILLFUL DIPLOMAT" WHO "SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS
ATTACHED" TO DOD, RATHER THAN DOS, AND SAYS ENVOY 'S
ACTIONS "NOT ONLY INVITE BUT DEMAND ACTION BY THE
COMMITTEE TO HELP ASSERT THE WILL OF CONGRESS" OVER
HIM.

33. CSM PRINTS MILWAUKEE JOURNAL EDITORIAL WELCOMING 7.2
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SVN CHILDREN -- EVEN THOUGH SUM "IS PEANUTS" COMPARED TO
ISSUES INVOLVED AND DEGREE OF US RESPONSIBILITY.
ENDORSES AID DECISION TO WORK WITH VOLAGS RATHER
THAN THROUGH GVN, AND MAINTAINS NEXT STEP IS FOR US
TO EASE RED TAPE INVOLVED IN AMERICANS ADOPTING VN
CHILDREN. KISSINGER

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